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## **Governor Baker Announces State Office Closures for Non-Emergency Executive Branch State Employees Thursday**

**BOSTON** — Due to prolonged impacts of the ongoing winter storm, Governor Charlie Baker is announcing that all offices for non-emergency state executive branch employees will be closed today. Overnight, heavy snowfall and high winds have resulted in hazardous driving conditions. With several communities experiencing power outages and downed trees, the administration is urging residents to stay off roadways and to use public transportation when possible.

The Baker-Polito Administration remains in close contact with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, National Weather Service, MassDOT and State Police to monitor the forecast. The MBTA Storm Desk will continue to monitor rail service throughout the storm and provide updates to commuters at [www.MBTA.com/winter](http://www.MBTA.com/winter).

**State Office Closures:** State offices will be closed for all non-emergency, executive branch state employees on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

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